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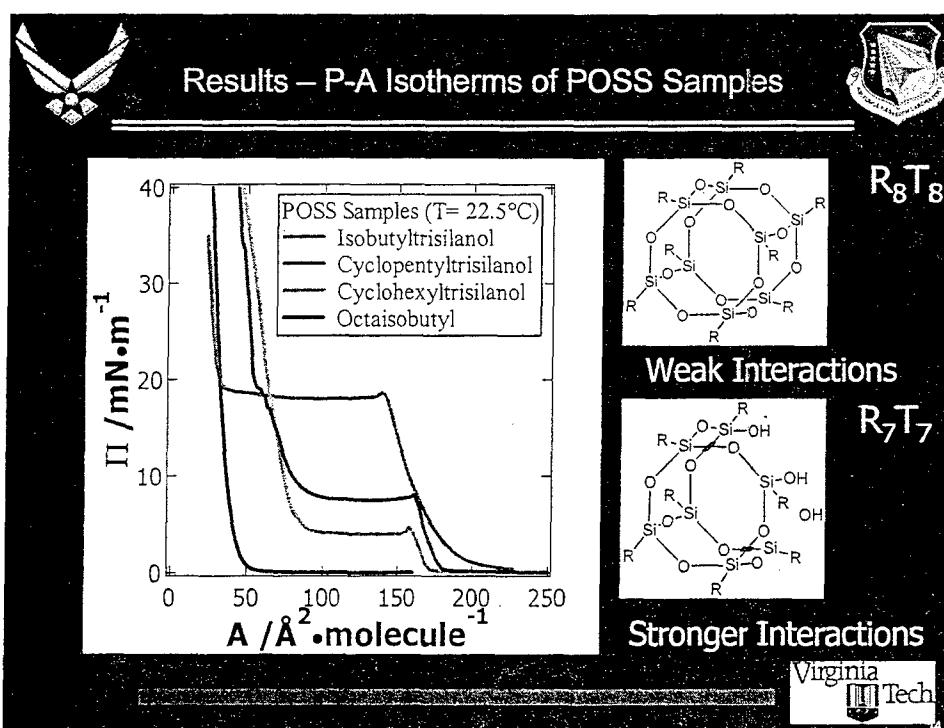
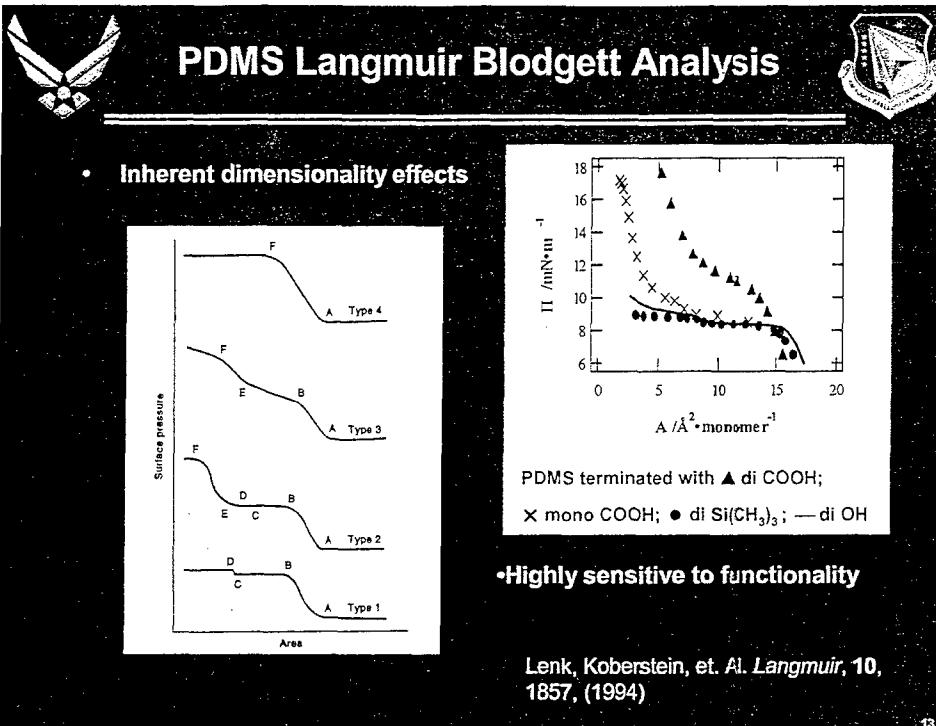
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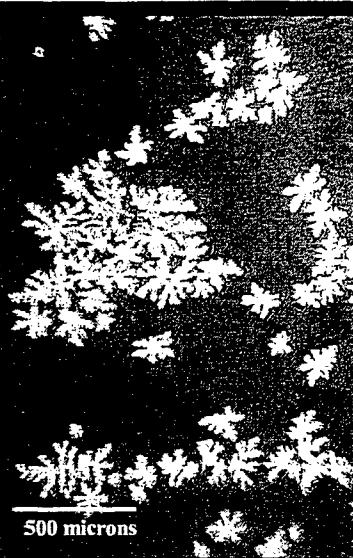
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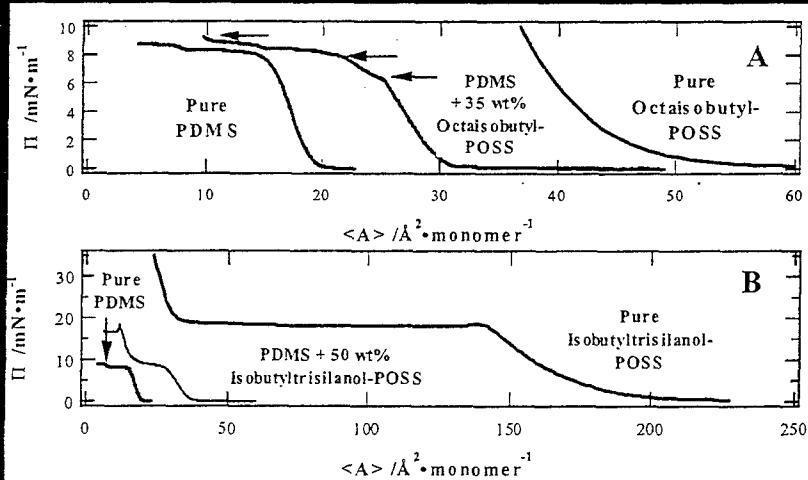
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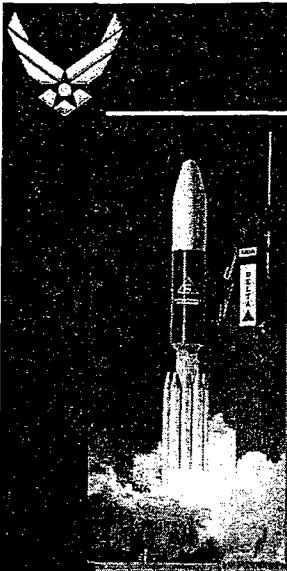
POSS-PDMS Blends



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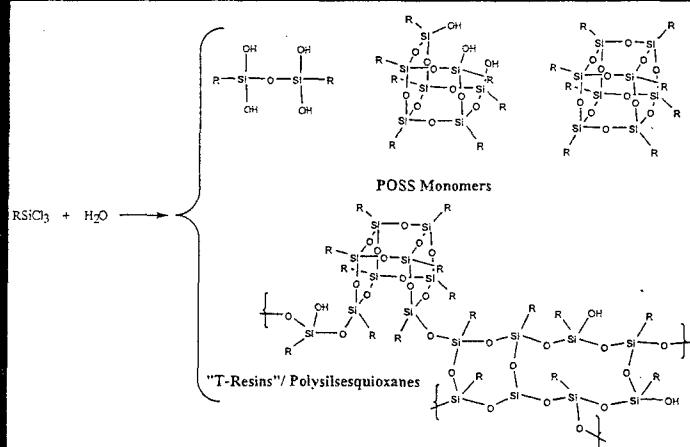
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POSS is NOT just the smallest silica

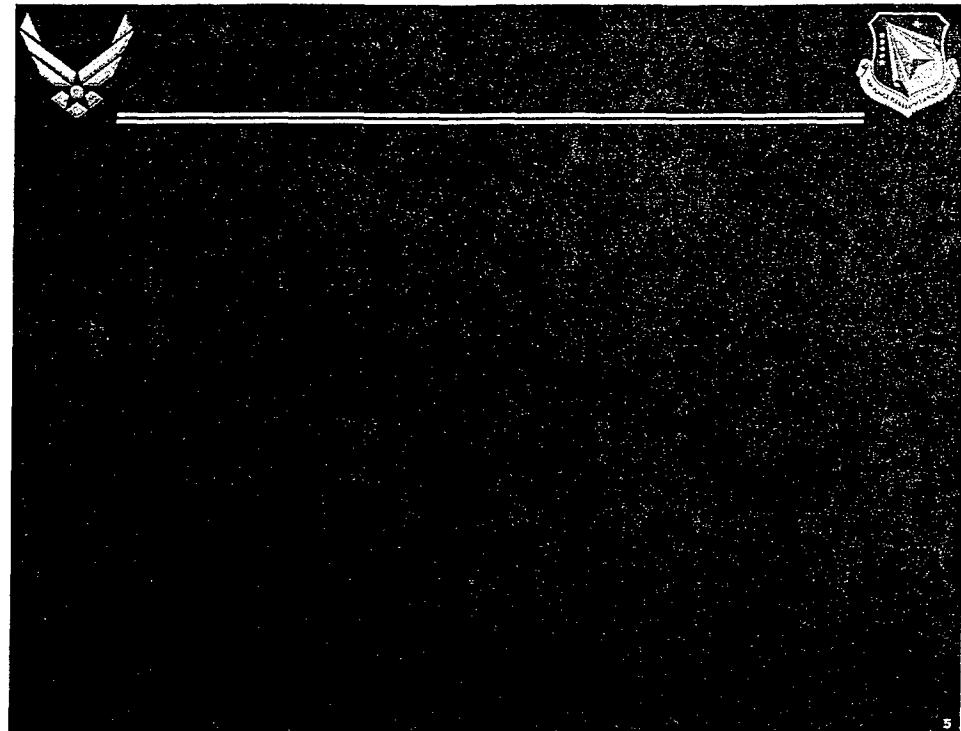
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POSS = Polyhedral Oligomeric Silsesquioxane



- Traditional silsesquioxane chemistry focused on "T-Resins"
- The maximization of property enhancements in polymers results from interaction at the ~~—~~-level (Edwards AFRL/PRSM → POSS monomers)



Motivation – Filled Nanofluids

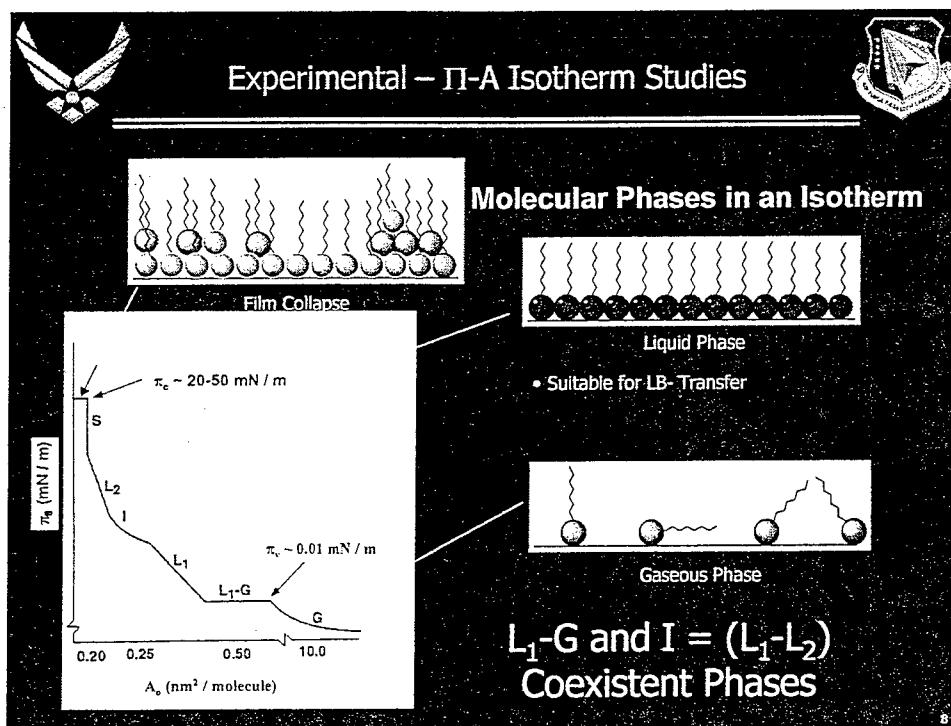
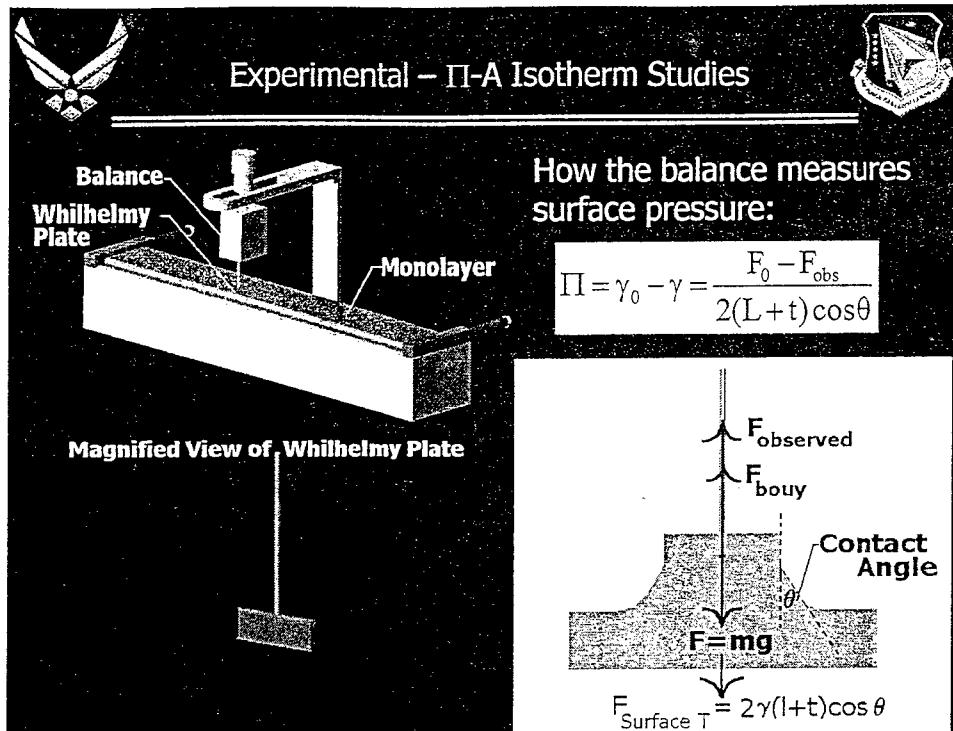
Blends Confined at the Air/Water Interface

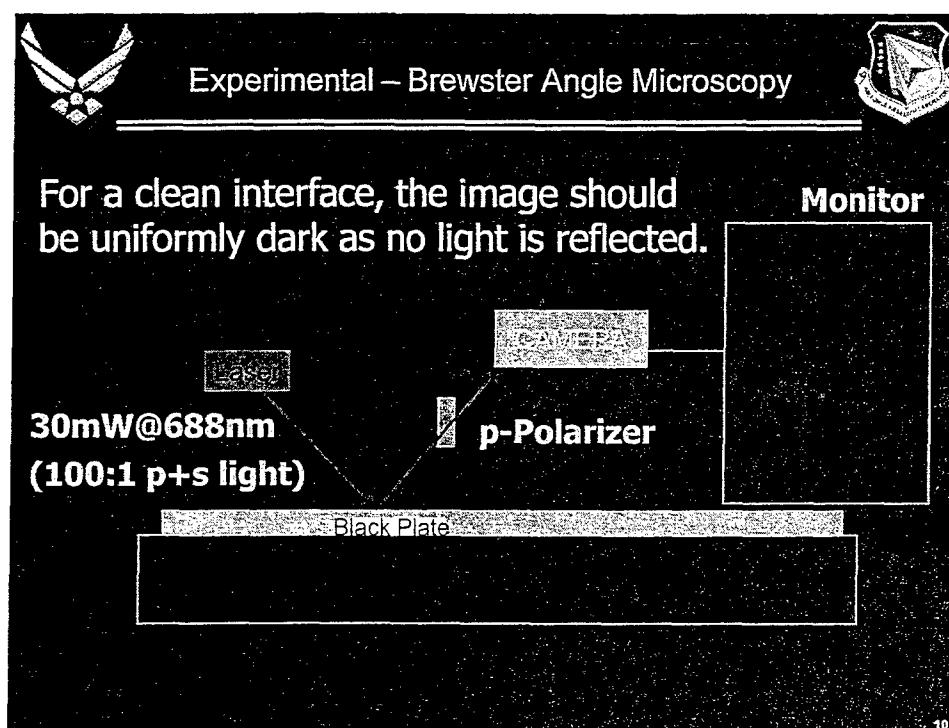
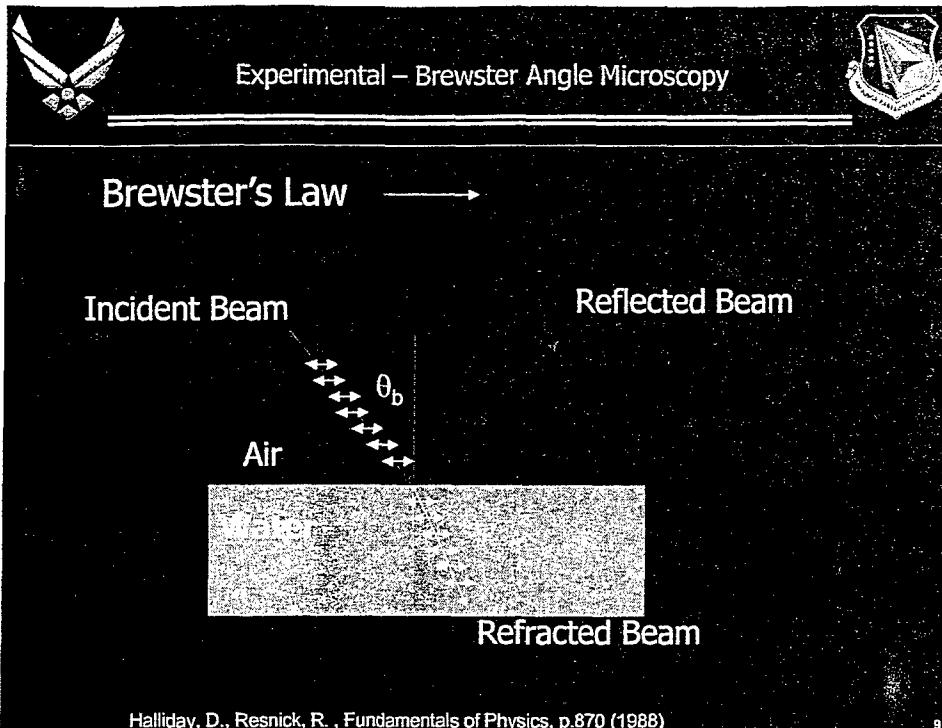
Small Sample Requirements

1-2 nm "2-D" Polymer, Interphase, & Inorganic Core

Subphase Affinity is an Important Variable

- A/W poor solvent for PDMS & PtBA \Rightarrow solvent exclusion
- A/W good solvent for PVAc \Rightarrow chain swelling
(must consider water's contribution)







Experimental – Brewster Angle Microscopy



Surface heterogeneity ($>20\mu\text{m}$) is observable by this technique.

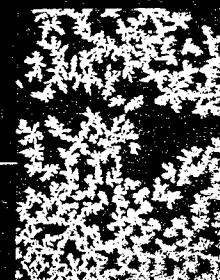
Monitor

30mW@688nm
(100:1 p+s light)

p-Polarizer

Black Plate

Film



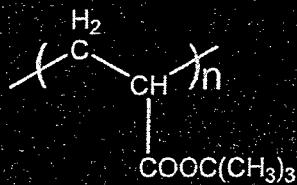
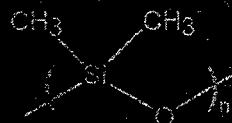
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Experimental – Systems Studied



Polymers – Structural Models for Adhesive Polymers



PtBA: $M_n \approx 25k$

PVAc: $M_n \approx 1200k$

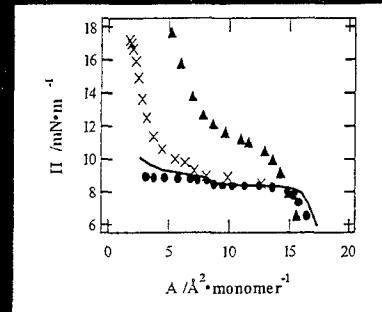
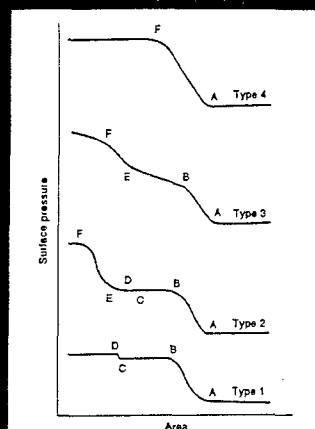
POSS Derivatives

- Octaisobutyl-POSS
- Isobutyltrisilanol-POSS
- Cyclopentyltrisilanol-POSS
- Cyclohexyltrisilanol-POSS

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PDMS Langmuir Blodgett Analysis

- Inherent dimensionality effects



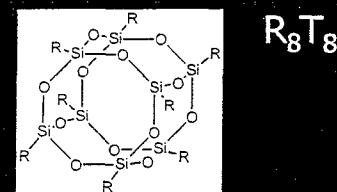
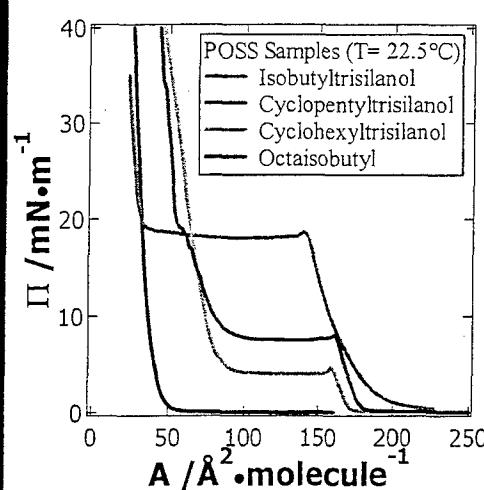
- Highly sensitive to functionality

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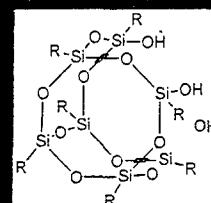
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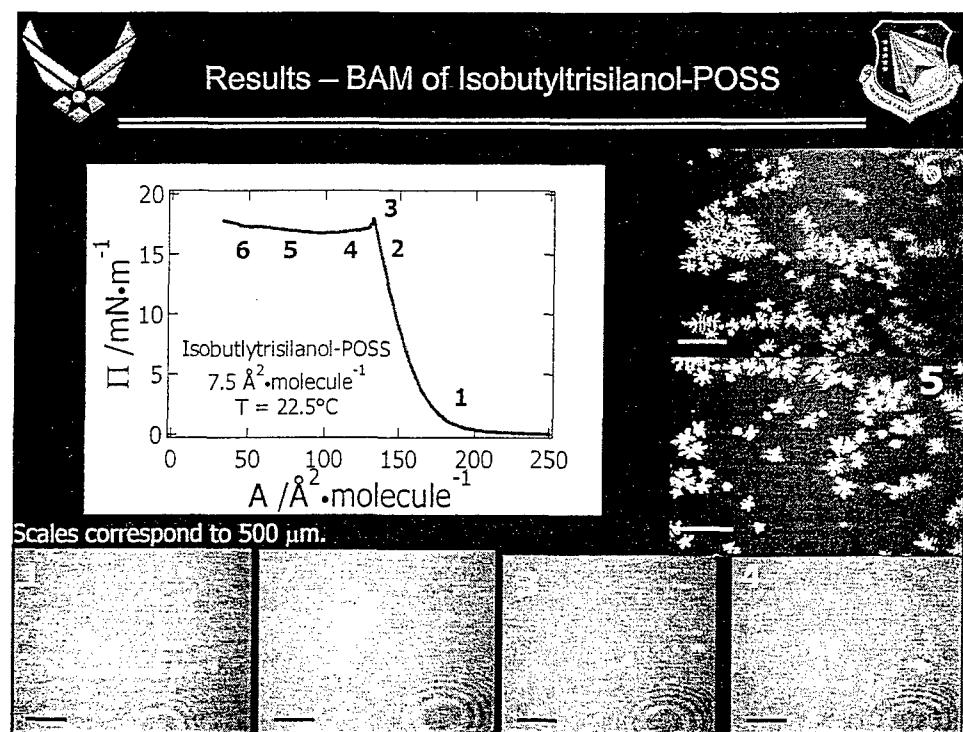
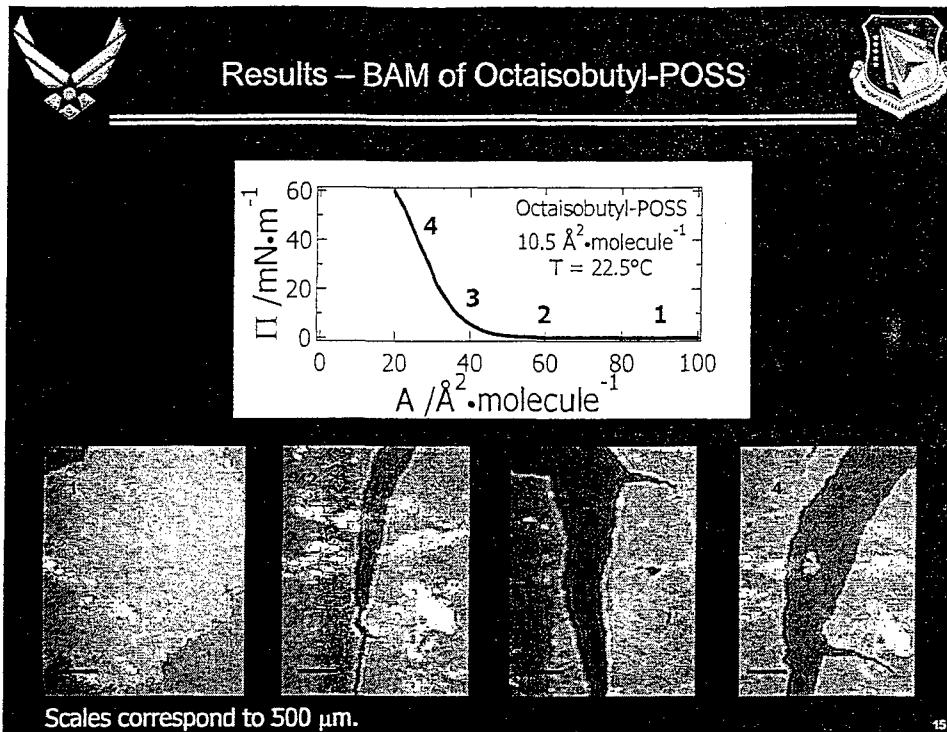
Results – P-A Isotherms of POSS



Weak Interactions

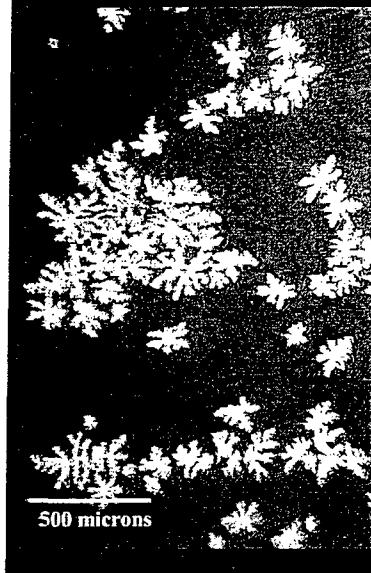


Stronger Interactions





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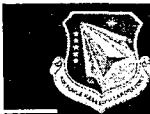
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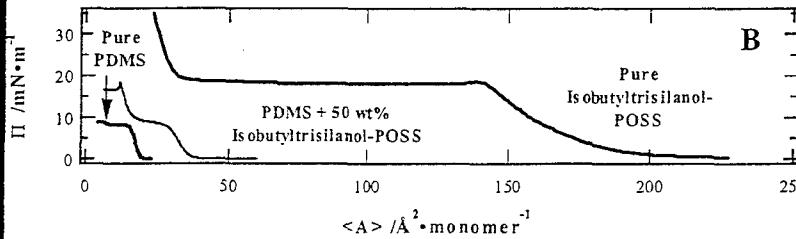
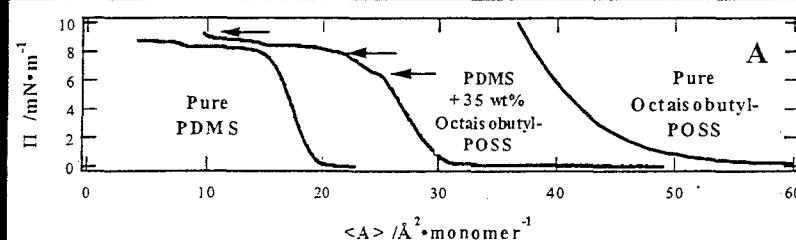
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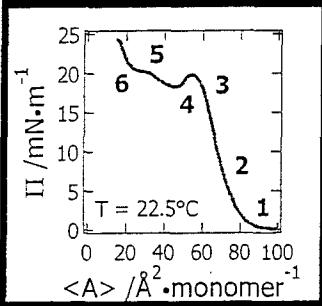


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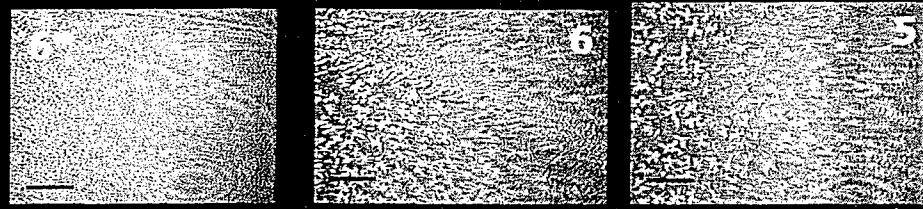


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Results – 80 wt% iBu₇T₇/PtBA Blend

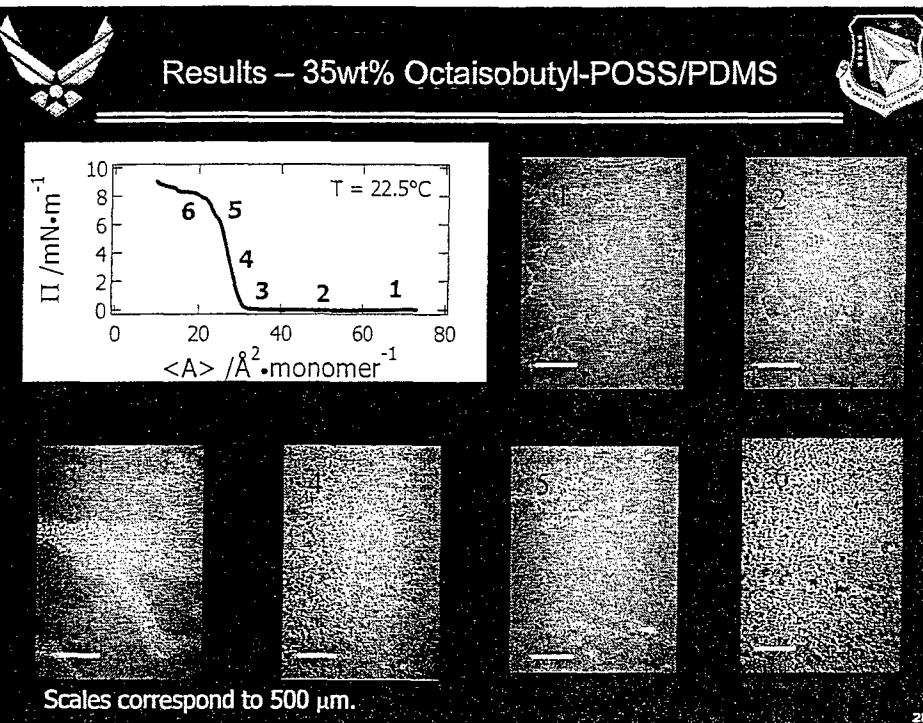


- Ideal uniform blends (0-100 wt% POSS, 1-3), LB<50wt% POSS
- Dendritic domains form at 4 (50-100 wt%) POSS, size \uparrow as POSS \uparrow , round domains (POSS < 50 wt%)
- Banded structure \Rightarrow PtBA collapse
- $6^* = 60$ wt% $i\text{Bu}_7\text{T}_7/\text{PtBA}$ blend

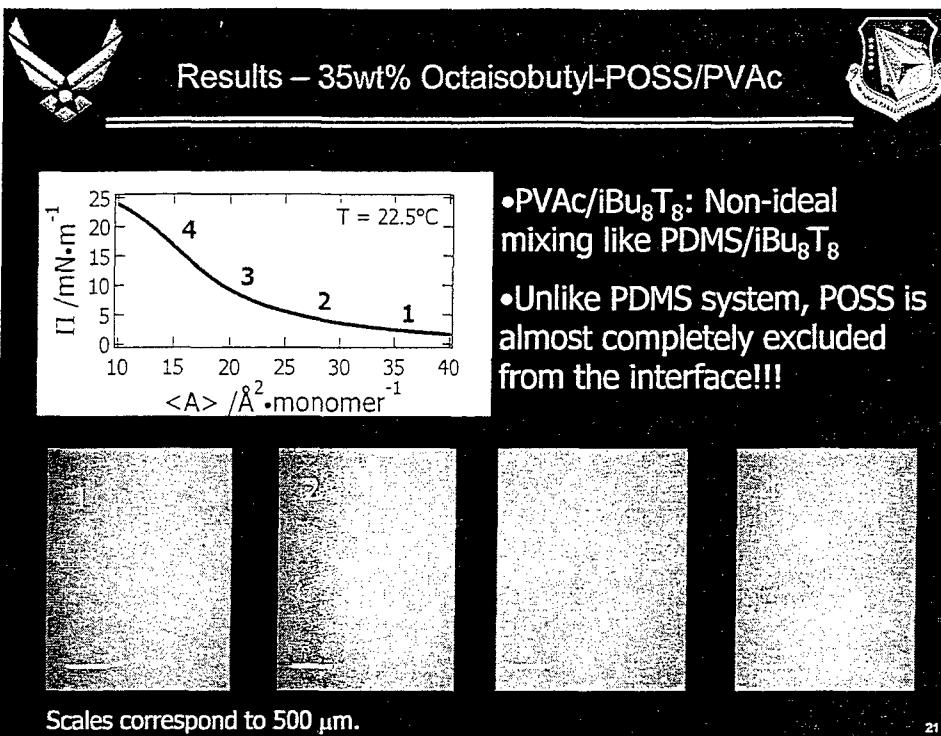


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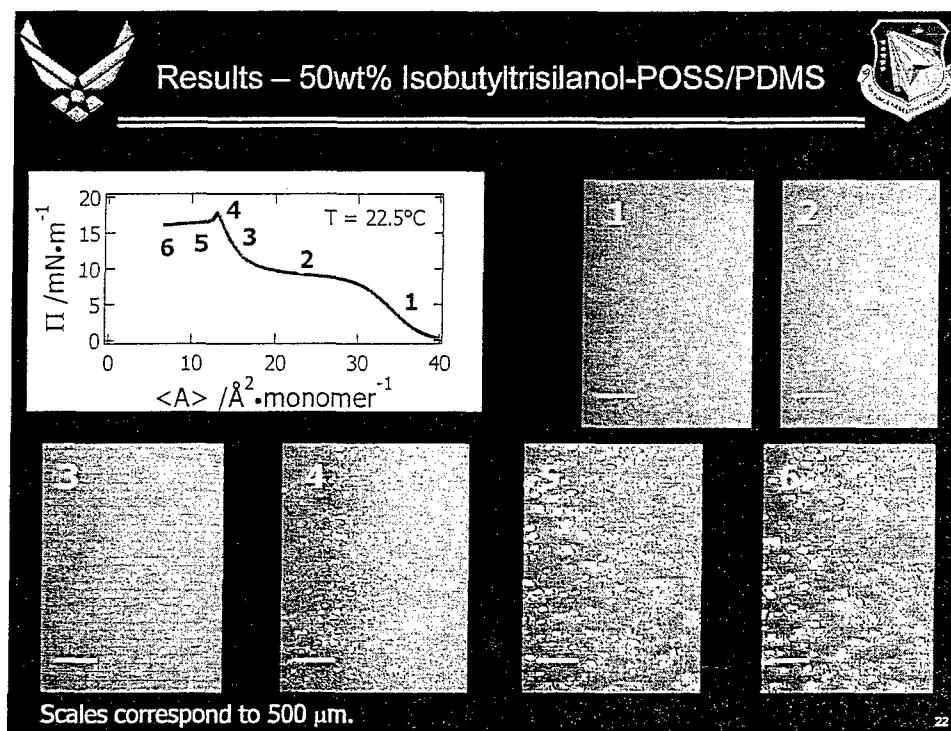
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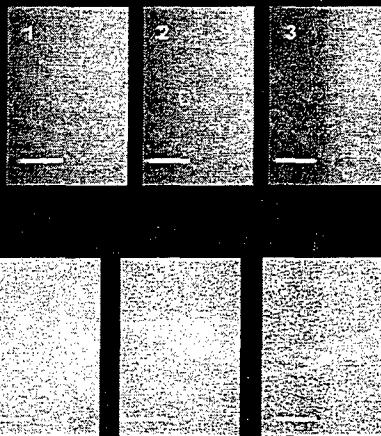
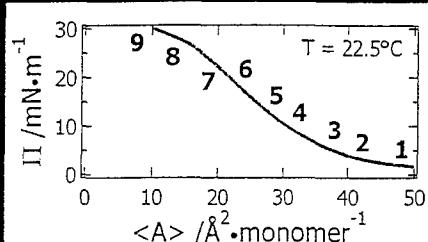


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Results – 50wt% Isobutyltrisilanol-POSS/PVAc

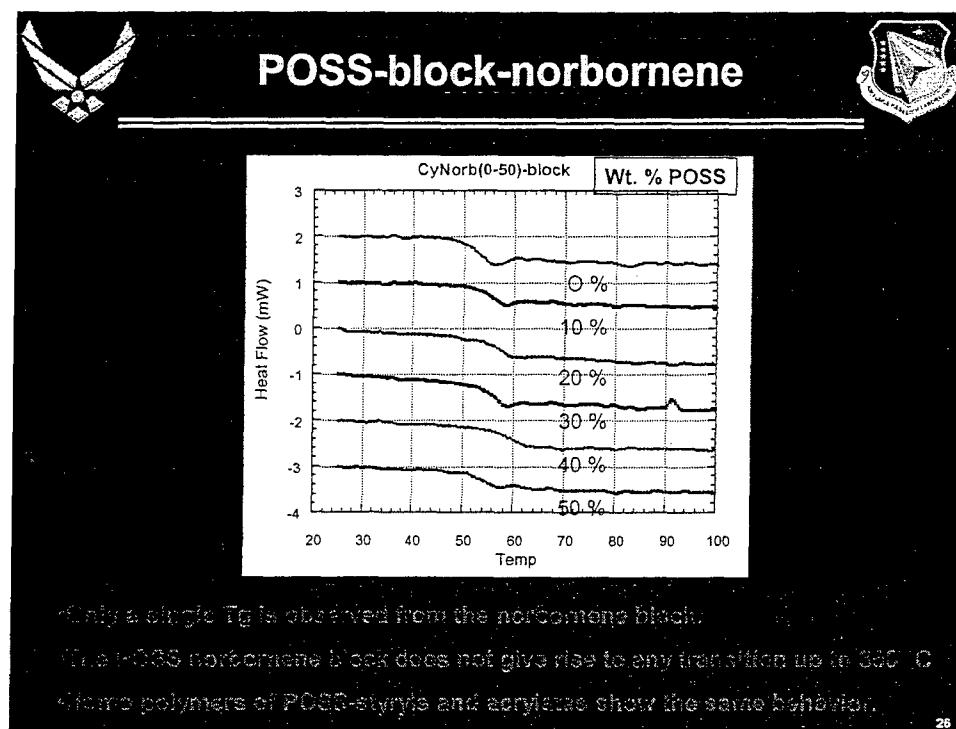
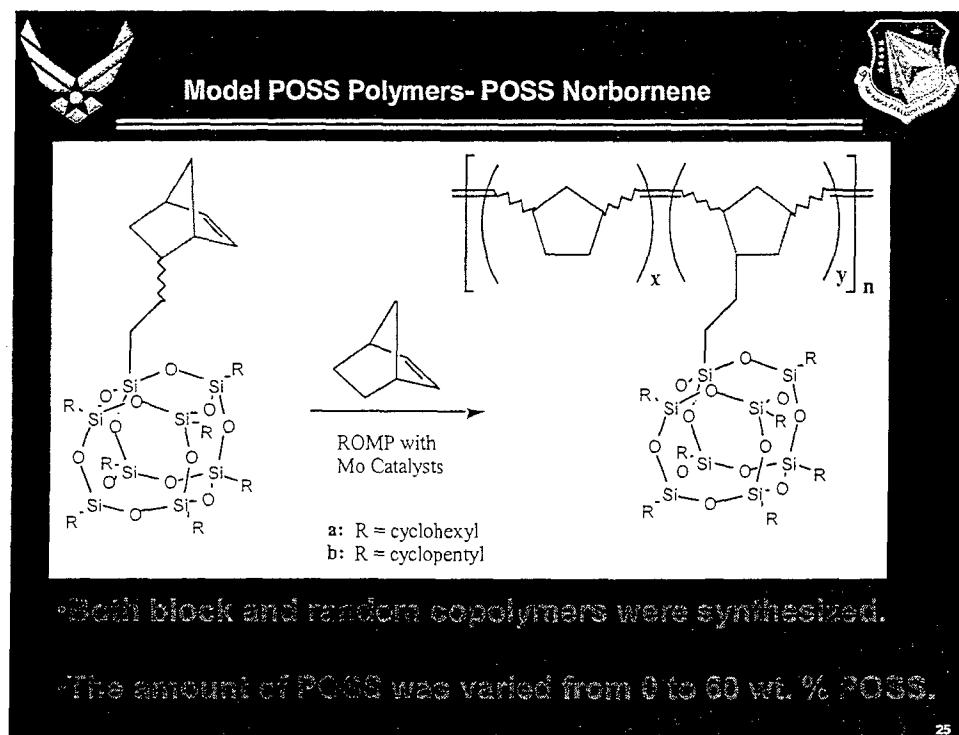


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Summary: POSS Blends

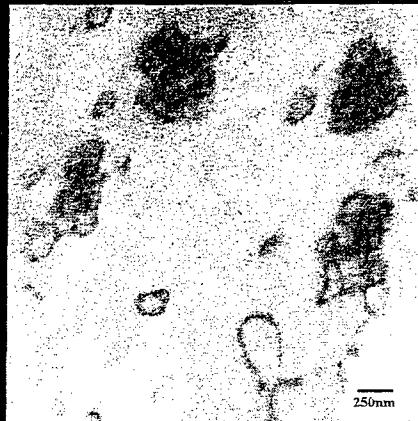
- POSS derivatives exhibit surfactant properties that vary with structure
- Homogeneous films with near ideal mixing for $\text{iBu}_7\text{T}_7 + \text{PDMS}$, PVAc or PtBA ($P < 18 \text{ mN} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$), but BAM shows samples are dispersions
- For $P > 18 \text{ mN} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$, non-equilibrium dendritic domains form for pure iBu_7T_7 & $\text{iBu}_7\text{T}_7 + \text{PtBA}$ ($> 50\text{wt\% POSS}$), round domains as POSS
- $\text{iBu}_7\text{T}_7 + \text{PDMS}$ uniform dispersions ($>\text{mm}$), $\text{iBu}_7\text{T}_7 + \text{PVAc}$ immiscible ($>\text{mm}$)



Morphology of POSS/PN Diblock Copolymers (TEM)



10wt% of CyPOSS

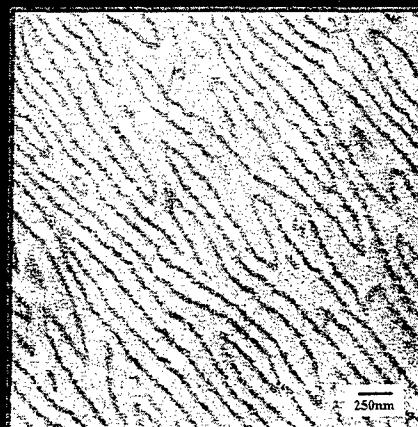


10wt % of CpPOSS

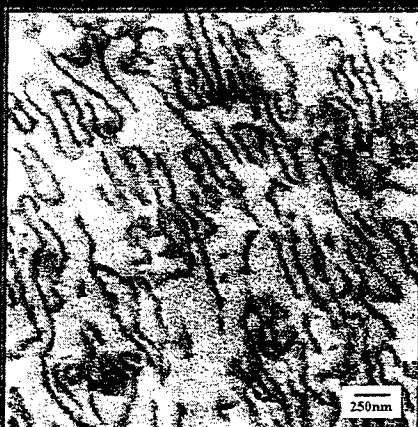
- CyPOSS is more soluble in the polymer matrix than CpPOSS
- Also seen for random polymers, resulting in a greater ΔT_g for CyPOSS

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Morphology of POSS/PN Diblock Copolymers (TEM)



30wt % of CyPOSS



30wt% of CpPOSS

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30wt % of CyPOSS

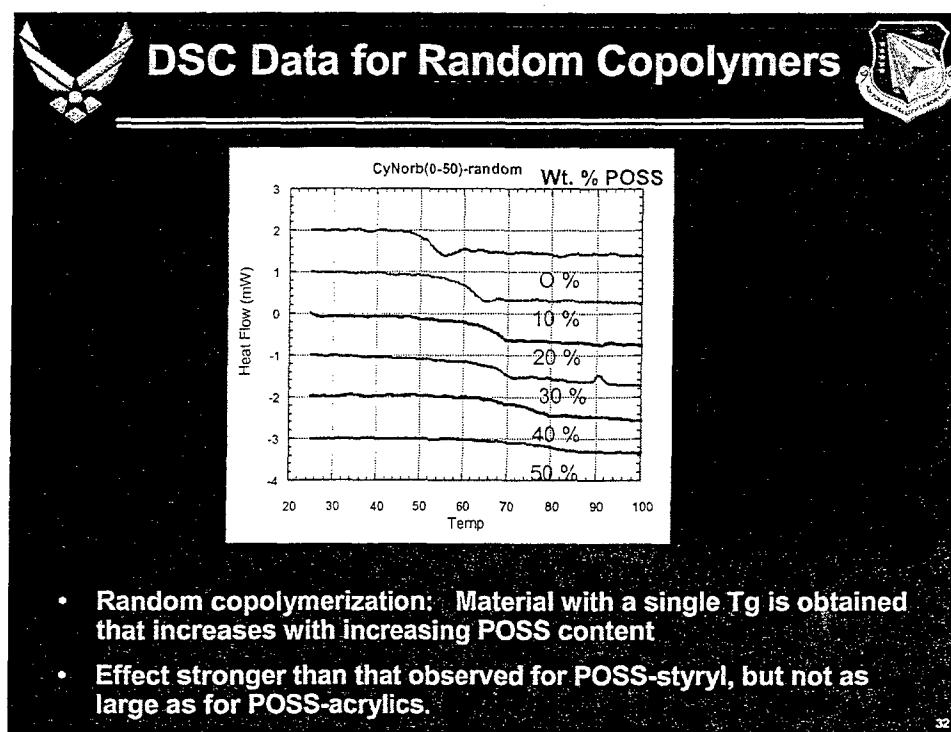
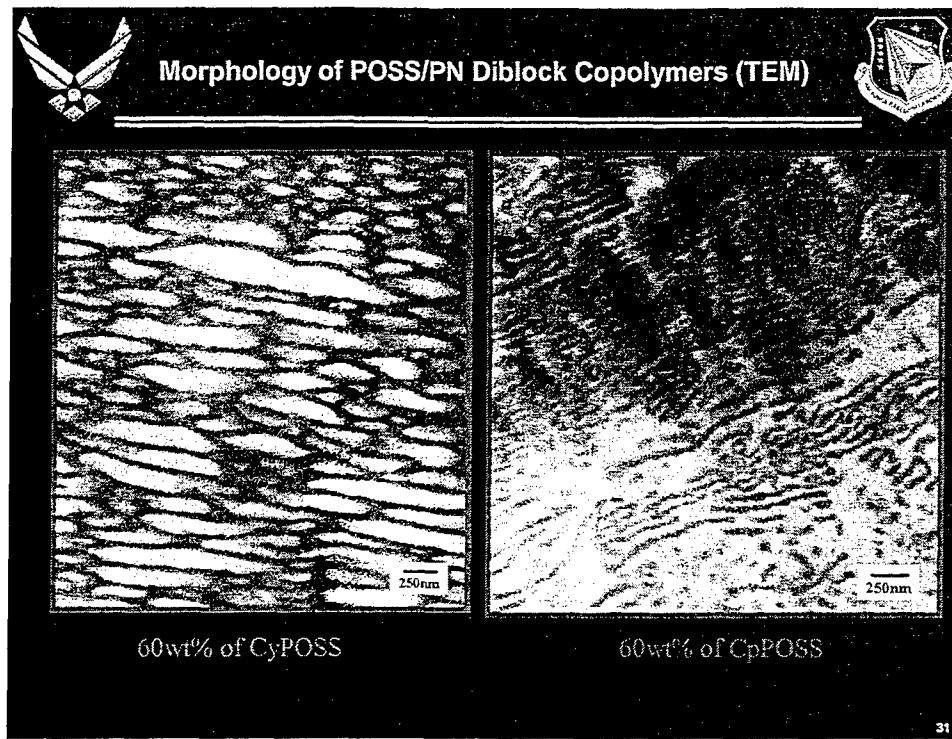
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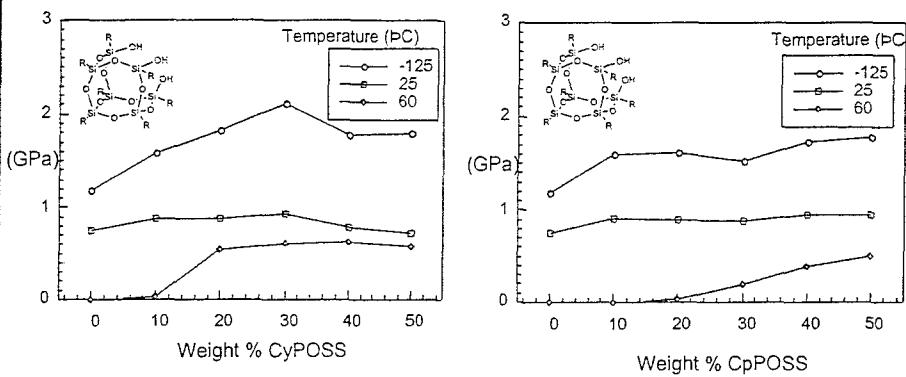


30wt % of CyPOSS

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Tensile Storage Modulus Variation with POSS Content at Three Temperatures

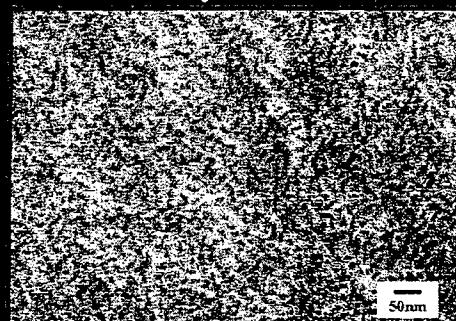


Up to 50 weight % of POSS-norbornene was incorporated into the norbornene copolymer without adversely affecting the room temperature modulus, and increasing the use temperature of these materials over 50 °C.

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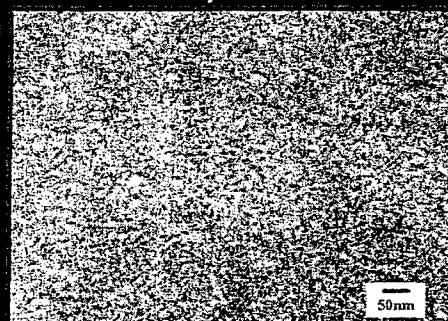
TEM of 50CpPOSS/PN & 50CyPOSS/PN

50CyPOSS/PN



"Coarse" Cylinder Nanostructure
(Diameter ~ 12nm)

50CpPOSS/PN



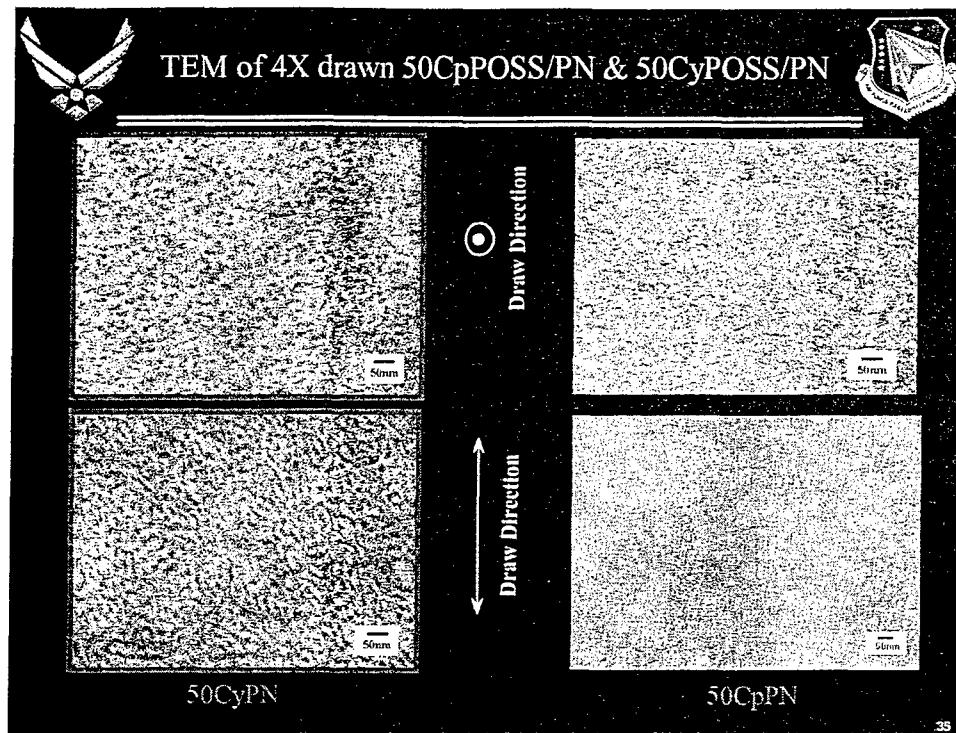
"Fine" Cylinder Nanostructure
(Diameter ~ 6nm)

← Nanostructure ?

CyPOSS-rich domains may entrain more unoriented PN chains than CpPOSS-rich domains, which could reduce the recoverable strain.

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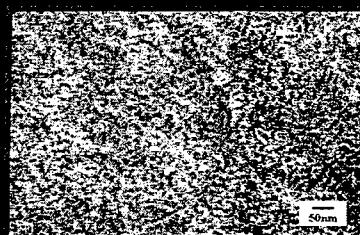
TEM of 4X drawn 50CpPOSS/PN & 50CyPOSS/PN



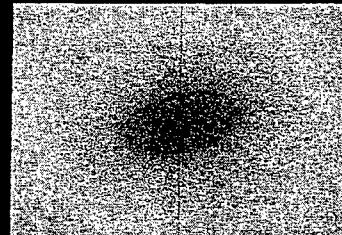
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Reanalysis of the *Random* 50 CyPOSS/PN System

50% CyPN



FT reconstruction



- Strong anisotropy and correlations noted-hints at assembled structure

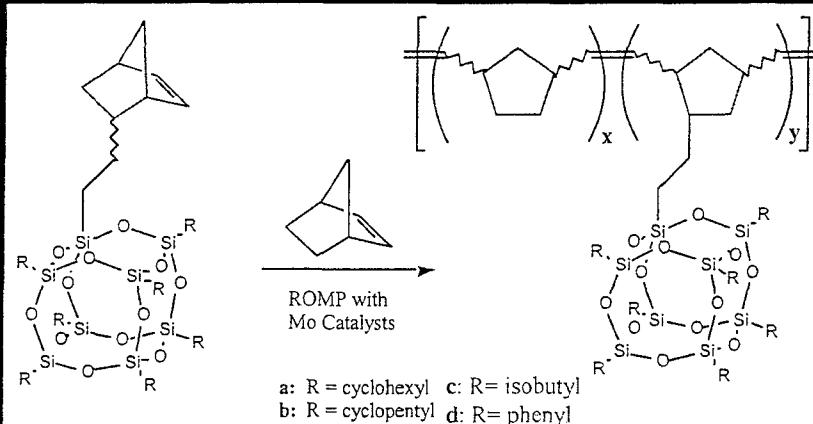
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Summary: POSS copolymers

- A variety of POSS "monomers" can be copolymerized into common systems (styrenic, acrylics, polyimides, etc.)
- The polymerization parameters don't appear to be greatly affected, and the POSS is compatible with the matrix (optically transparent)
- The model POSS-norbornene copolymers show distinct differences in mechanical behavior and morphology for differences in POSS corona chemistry (cyclopentyl vs. cyclohexyl)
- Evidence of larger scale structures.

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Variations on the theme-POSS corona chemistry



Differing POSS corona polymers being synthesized

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Polymeric Materials for Aerospace

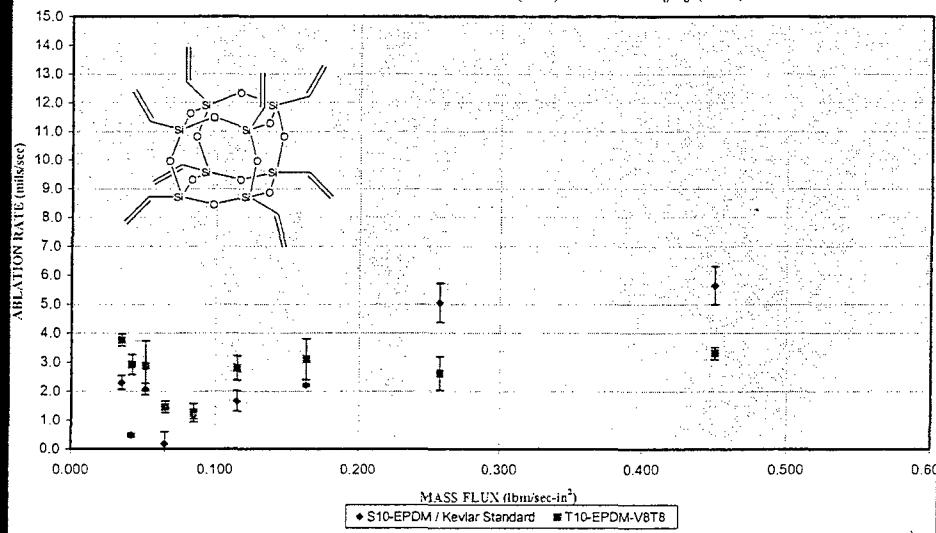
- Offer many advantages
 - Lightweight
 - Easy to process
 - Versatility
 - Optically transparent or opaque
 - Rubbery or stiff
 - Conductive or insulating
- However, their use is limited due to severe degradation in operation (Low Earth Orbit, high speed, high flux)

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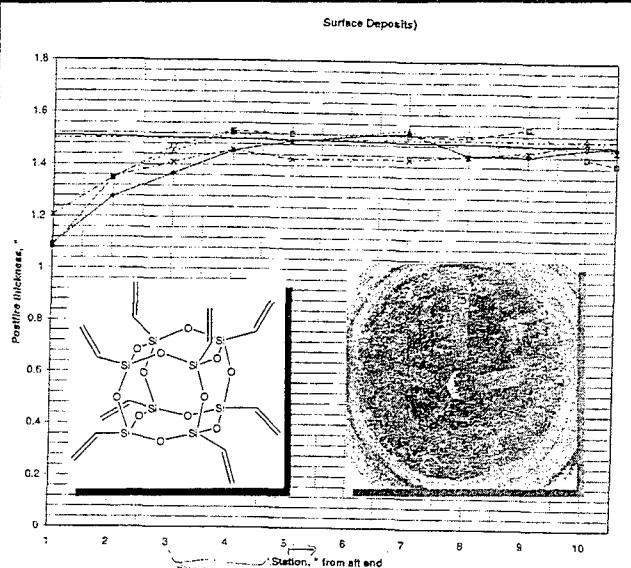
POSS Reinforcement-Pi-K motor

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EPDM-Kevlar STANDARD (S10) / EPDM-V₈T₈ (T10)



POSS Reinforcement-CSD tests



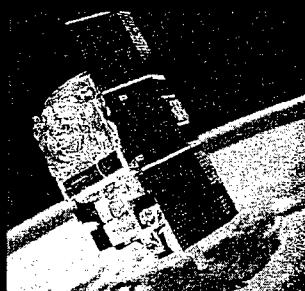
- 40-lb ITM Motor

- A series of POSS/EPDMs were tested

- Most promising was Vi8T8

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Goal: Develop Multi-Functional, Space-Resistant Materials



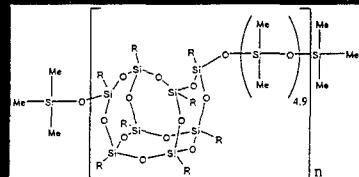
Bond	Dissociation Energy (EV)	λ (nm)	Material
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C-N	3.2	390	Kapton®
CF ₃ -CF ₃	4.3	290	FEP Teflon®
CF ₂ -F	5.5	230	FEP Teflon®
Si-O	8.3	150	Nanocomposite
Zr-O	8.1	150	Nanocomposite
Al-O	5.3	230	Nanocomposite

Objectives

- Increase Space Resistance (AO, particle & VUV radiation, thermal cycling) of Polymeric Materials
- Self-Passivating/Self-Rigidizing/Self-Healing based on organic/ inorganic nanocomposite incorporation

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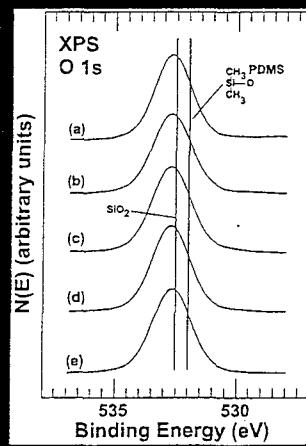
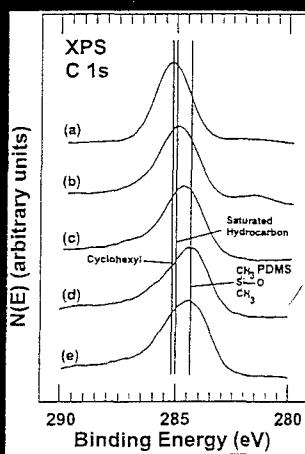
Atomic Oxygen Resistance of POSS Siloxane



Sample Treatment	O	C	Si
As entered	18.5	65.0	16.6
2.0 hr	33.8	48.4	17.8
24.6 hr	49.1	22.1	28.8
63.0 hr	55.7	16.3	28.0
4.8 hr air	52.8	19.5	27.7

XPS survey spectra obtained from a solvent-cleaned, POSS-PDMS film (a) after insertion into the vacuum system, (b), after a 2-hr (c) 24.6-hr and (d) 63-hr exposure to the hyperthermal AO flux, and (e) 4.75-hr air exposure following the 63-hr AO exposure.

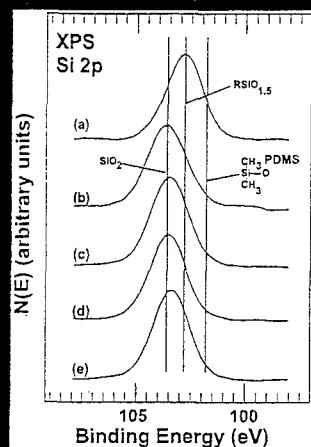
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Summary: Aerospace Polymers



- POSS can be compatibilized into traditional systems in high loadings (>50 wt%), allowing great opportunity for ceramic formation
- The reactive POSS corona, or the incompletely oxidized silsesquioxane core might favor the formation of the protective ceramic coating

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